

SUMMARY OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: February 20, 2002 (revised – meeting date corrected in footer)

TO: Ross Dunfee, Steering Committee Chairman
Tony Barrett, Department of Ecology

COPY: Steering Committee Members and Consultant Team

FROM: John Kosco, Tetra Tech & Dave Moss, Tt/KCM

SUBJECT: **Summary of NPDES Phase II Subcommittee Meeting**
Moses Lake Conference Center
February 14, 2002 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

PROJECT: EASTERN WASHINGTON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
Stormwater Management Technical Manual *and*
Model Municipal NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program

Subcommittee Meeting Attendees:

Ross Dunfee – Benton County	John Knutson – Yakima County
Joe Wilson – City of Richland	John Kosco – Tetra Tech
K. Wendell Adams – City of Yakima	Don McGahuey – City of Wenatchee
Dwane Van Epps – City of Chelan	Jess Greenough – City of Pasco
Lloyd Brewer – City of Spokane	Rick Bollinger – City of Ellensburg
Lars Hendron – City of Spokane	Jim Ajax – City of Wenatchee
Jim Seitz – Assoc. of Washington Cities	Chris Waarvick – City of Yakima
Tom Tebb – WDOE/Central	John Heinley – WSDOT
Steve Plummer – City of Kennewick	

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

This meeting was held to gather the core subcommittee members and at-large members to discuss:

- ❖ Finalization of a benchmarking questionnaire;
- ❖ Review of the second drafts of Chapters 4, 5 and 6.

AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING:

1. Introductions; review of agenda; review of summary from 1/10/02 meeting
2. EPA model permit; briefly discuss status of pending update and release from EPA
3. Discuss benchmarking questionnaire, drywell issues
4. Review/input to Chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the draft NPDES Phase II Model Program
5. Review/summarize highlights of meeting and prepare for Steering Committee meeting
6. Next meeting: date, time, place and agenda topics

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

1. A last minute change in the agenda brought both subcommittees together from 9:00 am to 10:00 am to discuss overarching issues including a possible adjustment in the timeline for 2003; a stormwater workshop at the Achieving Cleaner Water Conference in Spokane on April 9, 2002; the status of the one acre threshold issue; and the status of proposed legislation HB2847.
2. Tony Barrett discussed a possible delay in the schedule in 2003, however the steering committee recommended seeing if there were areas where the schedule may be accelerated. Information on the Achieving Cleaner Water Conference (April 9-11) and stormwater workshop (April 9) were presented, and a vote on whether to delay the April meeting in Moses Lake until Friday, April 12 (due to these potential conflicts) was delayed until the March 14, 2002 meeting.
3. The status of a one acre threshold was discussed by the steering committee. For now the one acre threshold still applies, however Tony Barrett cautioned the committee to truly consider the intent of the regulations, which was to protect water quality. This has often resulted in a threshold of less than 1 acre being regulated.
4. Proposed State House Bill HB2847 was also discussed. HB2847 would create an independent science panel to review Ecology's Stormwater Manual for Western Washington by December 31, 2002. The bill also would create a statewide stormwater advisory committee, and require Ecology to analyze the costs and benefits of using the Stormwater Manual for Western Washington.
5. The NPDES subcommittee then met, with each member introducing himself or herself. John Knutson (chair of the subcommittee for NPDES Phase II Model Program) reviewed the agenda.
6. John Kosco summarized the discussion from the previous meeting on January 10, 2002. The meeting summary was approved without comment.
7. The status of the introductory Chapter 1 was discussed. John Knutson mentioned that this chapter is a lower priority than the minimum measure chapters, but a draft should be available on the web site for the next meeting.
8. John Kosco briefly mentioned the status of EPA's model Phase II permit. The model is still not available from EPA, and is still promised within a couple of weeks. The EPA model permit will be discussed at the next subcommittee after it is published.

A discussion followed on a model Phase II permit from Ecology. A request was made of Ecology to consider providing an early draft of a Phase II general permit to potential Phase II permittees. The Clark County Phase I MS4 permit was cited as an example of the types of standard conditions that will possibly appear in a Phase II permit. Note that the specific program requirements will be different. This permit is available at:

http://www.co.clark.wa.us/site/clean/back/npdes2.rtf

9. John Kosco updated the subcommittee on the benchmarking questionnaire to be sent out to Eastern Washington cities and counties. The survey had been redrafted to ask only 8 general questions about stormwater. The subcommittee suggested the survey go out to all Phase II cities in Eastern Washington, along with all Counties and the largest City in each County not directly impacted by Phase II. The survey

introduction will be modified to show that the Phase II program does not necessarily apply to all the potential recipients, and will be mailed out shortly by Ecology.

10. The drywell issue discussion was deferred until March when Bill Moore would be available to attend and speak on this topic.
11. John Kosco then began a review of the second draft of Chapter 4 – Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (Measure #3). The major items of the discussion are listed below.
 - a. The following comments are general and apply to all chapters:
 - All text will be changed to third person
 - All forms (in appendices) will be labeled as “Sample”
 - BMPs for each Chapter will be numbered, and will be included in each section 7 on costs
 - Measurable goal examples will be moved up in the text where each BMP is discussed (this will probably eliminate section 4 on measurable goals)
 - For costing, the subcommittee agreed to use a small city population of 10,000 and a large city population of 50,000. The consultant will make appropriate assumptions to fit these hypothetical cities, such as the number of outfalls and number of construction sites.
 - b. Additional information on the Ecology Spill Response Team will be provided by Ecology and included in the next draft of Chapter 4.
 - c. Appendix 4D will be moved to the Good Housekeeping Chapter.
 - d. The subcommittee presented a number of editorial comments, which will be incorporated into the next draft.
9. The subcommittee briefly discussed Chapter 5, Construction. The subcommittee agreed to incorporate similar comments as discussed in Chapter 4, and to use consistent terminology when referring to the Eastern Washington Stormwater Manual. Chapter 5 will be reviewed in depth the next meeting.
10. The subcommittee discussed continuing with review at the next meeting. Tetra Tech will post by February 28 a second draft of Chapters 2, 3, and 7. Chapter 4 will be revised based on comments for the first draft of the program available at the April meeting. Chapters 5 and 6 will remain unchanged until the committee reviews them in March.
11. For the **next meeting** (Moses Lake Conference Center on **March 14, 2002** from 9am to 2pm):
 - ❖ Discuss model permit for NPDES Phase II from EPA (if available)
 - ❖ Presentations/discussion from Ecology on drywells (as related to UIC) and water quality standards
 - ❖ Discuss the second draft of Chapters 5, 6, and 7 for the model program for NPDES Phase II
 - ❖ Discuss general comments on new Chapters 2 and 3 for Public Information / Involvement
 - ❖ Discuss the list of key “issue paper” topics for the NPDES Phase II model program